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SUBJECT: Loaning and Retrieving Electric Breast Pumps

This memo addresses the issue of loaning electric breast pumps to mothers currently enrolled in WIC as pregnant women and the return of electric breast pumps to Local Agencies.

Women currently enrolled in WIC, who have recently delivered an infant(s) and have a need for an electric pump prior to their recertification appointment as a breastfeeding woman **should** be issued an electric breast pump. These women or a designee may come to the WIC office to fill out the **Alaska WIC Breastfeeding Promotion Program Breast Pump Loan and Release Agreement** form, receive instruction on proper use, care and return of the electric breast pump. All contact information should be updated on the loan form for purposes of tracking the electric breast pump. A recertification appointment or reminder should be given to the WIC participant at that time.

Women or designees are encouraged to return the pump to the office it was issued.

In instances where electric breast pumps have been issued by one clinic and returned to another clinic, it is the receiving clinic's responsibility to send the electric pump back to the originating office. If it is required that the pump be sent via mail, regular US Priority mail should be used and the pump insured for \$600.00.

Since the originating office is doing the training on equipment use, care, and potentially signing up the client(s), they should not bear the burden of payment or additional time spent to collect the pump.

Both of the issues addressed in this memo should help provide seamless WIC services to WIC participants and help support our breastfeeding rates statewide. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Dana Kent at 465-5322.